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Although press reports Akosombo contract has been awarded to Impresit, Embassy has been informed Government Ghana has merely expressed intention award contract to Impresit at later date, presumably when outstanding issues at Washington are restiad*. In meantime Impresit has been asked to start mobilizing on understanding that it will be reimbursed by Government Ghana for costs incurred up to specified limit if contract never awarded.

Government Ghana official expressed hope to Embassy officer that announcement would "light fire under boys in Washington".

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